

Notes on Contributors

Amanda Clapcich graduated summa cum laude from Rutgers-Camden in January 2022. This is her second published work at Rutgers. She is thrilled to be able to share more of her passion for folk tales, depictions of gender throughout history, and the intersections between the two.

Julia DeFeo graduated from Rutgers with a B.S. in biology in 2021, and in 2022 she received a Master's of Forestry from Virginia Tech. Currently, she is a forestry Ph.D. student at Virginia Tech, where her research focuses on the fire-mediated restoration of native pine-oak ecosystems in the central Appalachian region of the United States.

John Dighton, Ph.D., is director of the Division of Pinelands Research and Professor at Rutgers University with a split appointment between the Department of Ecology Evolution & Natural Resources, Cook College, New Brunswick, and the Rutgers-Camden Department of Biology. Dr. John Dighton is interested in forest soil ecology and has spent many years investigating nutrient requirements of plantation forests, especially fast-growing trees and interactions of forest trees with mycorrhizal fungi. After the nuclear accident at Chernobyl, he became interested in the role of fungi in radionuclide acquisition and impacts of radionuclides on fungi.

Geoffrey Downing was born in Southern California and was raised by his grandmother. He grew up overcoming adversity and is a first-generation college student. He always had a very inquisitory nature growing up and was fascinated with trying to understand cause and effect relationships within the environment around him. He has a passion for data analytics, technology, business management, and big-picture strategy. He is completing his bachelor's degree in Business

Administration from Rutgers University and wants to pursue a career in Technology or Management Consulting. While he enjoys his work, he also values balancing this with personal time. He and his wife are best friends, and they do everything together. They like going on daily walks, occasional road trips, playing with their chihuahuas, cooking, and binge watching their favorite shows.

Ashanti Howard is a Rutgers-Camden alumna. She graduated in May 2021 with a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Political Science and a minor in Theater. While in school, she served in a number of student leadership positions from Vice Chair of NJPIRG Students to Editor for Black Student Union. She hopes readers learn something new from her research and are inspired to create change whenever it is needed.

Jennifer Le is a Biology major with a minor in Chemistry. She serves as a part-time math and science tutor for the KIPP Charter School, and also as a part-time Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dr. Xingyun Qi. Jen looks to pursue a master's degree and Ph.D. in Biology. She hopes that this work makes the reader feel something.

Tania Martinez graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2022 with a B.A. in Political Science, Philosophy, and Global Studies, a minor in Spanish, and an Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Certificate. She will be beginning the NYC Urban Fellows Program in fall 2022 where she hopes to advocate for immigrant rights through local government before pursuing a J.D. in immigration law. By submitting this paper, Tania hopes to bring awareness to the lack of access to healthcare for undocumented immigrants in a philosophical and political context.

Diana Melissaratos is currently a first-year graduate student in Biology, having completed her undergraduate biology degree at Rutgers University - Camden in May 2022. Diana began as a forensics major and is passionate about The Innocence Project. She is hoping that this essay brings attention to the affect that cognitive bias can play in wrongful convictions, especially when they land people on death row.

Shannon E. Moran is a May 2022 Phi Alpha graduate from the School of Social Work at Rutgers University. She obtained her MSW along with a certificate in Promoting Child and Adolescent Well-being (ChAP). She plans to complete the licensing exam to be an LSW, then she'll be striving to become an LCSW. Her poetry is written from her heart and soul, through her own experiences. Her only hope is that her poetry resonates deeply with others, and they know that they're not alone.

Jack Textor is an alumnus of Rutgers University, recently graduating with a B.A in political science. While in school, Jack spent his summers lifeguarding Spring Lake Beach in New Jersey, and during the year, he served as a legislative assistant to New Jersey State Assemblyman Ned Thomson. As he transitions into post-graduate life, Jack intends on furthering his education, and pursuing a career focused in public policy and administration—two things for which he has a keen passion. Jack hopes this paper adequately uses historical context to give a fresh and original perspective to the application and placement of anarchism within the confines of the standard political ideological spectrum.

Benjamin Simonds Nixon graduated summa cum laude from the Camden College of Arts and Sciences with a degree in Psychology. During his time at Rutgers, he received awards and recognition for research and excellence in the fields of

non-partisan student voter organizing, psychology, criminal justice, and counterterrorism. He works as a criminal intelligence analyst for the Camden County Police Department. He is also a graduate student at Georgetown University, where he is pursuing a Master's in Applied Intelligence. He hopes to continue his education and career in the fields of forensic psychology, law enforcement, and intelligence analysis. The maladaptive amalgamation of psychology and medicine in the field of criminal justice is evaluated in Nixon's paper. He warns of patient deprivation and looks at the systemic abuse of those with unsound minds as an established precedent within medical ethics as well as inside the American legal system.

Shannon N. Taylor, known to many as Shae', considers herself a non-traditional student. In May 2021, some 20 years after her high school graduation, Shae' received her bachelor's degree from Rutgers School of Social Work. In addition to graduating with Latin Honors, Shae' was also recognized for her contributions to her community by Rutgers Civic Association. In 2022, Shae' earned yet another degree from Rutgers after completing the advanced standing MSW program and obtaining her ChAP certification. It was this Social Work Convocation that brought Shae' her greatest joy as she marched with fellow social worker and beautiful daughter, Shay'Nell. While pursuing her MSW, Shae' served as treasurer for Phi Alpha Nu Omicron. Shae' is the mother of 10 children and says her children both motivated and supported her academic progress/success. Shae' is committed to helping others and is in the process of establishing her own nonprofit organization in the city of Camden.